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In re the Application of:

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This is in response to the Office Action mailed December 20, 2002, and having a period for response set to expire on March 20, 2003. A Petition for a one month-month extension of time, together with the requisite fee for same, is submitted herewith, thereby extending the period for response to April 21, 2003 (April 20, 2003 falling on a Sunday).

If there are any additional fees associated with filing of this Amendment, please charge the same to our Deposit Account No. 19-3935.

The following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please **ADD** new claim 10 as follows.

10. (NEW) A software usage charging system, comprising:
a programmed client computer executing software and detecting the software function usage by a user; and
a programmed server computer in communication with the client computer and charging the user according to use of the software function in response to the detecting by the programmed client computer.